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Child abuse and neglect impact children and families from all cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic groups, leaving lasting scars on victims and communities. There are over 150,000 cases of child abuse and neglect reported to the Department of Children and Family Services in Los Angeles County each year.

“World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse” was organized by Women’s World Summit Foundation in 2001 and sponsored by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the UN Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography. Joining this coalition is the International Child Abuse Network (YesICAN) which believes that one way to break the cycle of abuse is to educate the world community and convince government officials of the impact that abuse of children has on society. The vision for celebrating this World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse is to impress on all civil society the need to play a more active role in the promotion of and respect for children’s rights. The County of Los Angeles wishes to recognize the work and dedication of professionals and volunteers of YesICAN in their efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE, that the Board of Supervisors proclaim November 19, 2004 as “World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse” throughout Los Angeles County and urges all residents to take this opportunity to educate themselves on this important

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